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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE DRUG ABUSE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

REF: A) SINGAPORE A-33; B) STATE 76714

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL B ARE
GIVEN IN SAME NUMBERED SEQUENCE.

2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVE IS REDUCTION DRUG ABUSE
BY AMERICAN YOUTH IN SINGAPORE THROUGH PROGRAM
OF EDUCATION, PREVENTIVE TREATMENT, AND REHABILITA-
TION. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

A. DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS AIMED
AT PRE- TEENAGERS, TEENAGERS, ADULTS.

B. DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING AMERICAN YOUTH TO OFFER
THEM OPTIONS OF INTEREST.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF IDENTIFICATION, TREATMENT AND
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REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR DRUG USERS.

D. ESTABLISHMENT OF FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE, INITIALLY DRAWING ON SKILLS AVAILABLE IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

E. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST TO BE HIRED BY SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL.

F. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH MEDICAL FACILITY TO HANDLE URINALYSIS AND OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM.

G. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE LIAISON WITH USG PROGRAM IN BANGKOK, HOPEFULLY TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF IN- PATIENT TREATMENT FOR CASES BEYOND RESOURCES AVAILABLE SINGAPORE.

H. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE LIAISON WITH GOS AUTHORITIES AND RECENTLY- FORMED SINGAPORE ANTI- NARCOTICS LEAGUE.

3. INTERNALLY AMERICAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM WILL HAVE STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY BUT WILL BE SUBJECT UNDER SINGAPORE LAW TO RELEASING INFORMATION TO GOS AUTHORITIES IF REQUESTED RPT IF REQUESTED. UNDER NEW STRICT GOS NARCOTICS LAW ANY PERSON KNOWLEDGEABLE OF DRUG ABUSE OR ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM GOS NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES. PROPOSED AMERICAN COMMUNITY PROGRAM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU (CNB) CHIEF JOHN HANAM WHO MADE CLEAR THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE EXEMPTED UNDER LAW. AT SAME TIME HANAM GIVES STRONG IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN PROGRAM WILL RECEIVZVFULL GOS COOPERATION PROVIDED COMMUNITY WORKS OUT A POSITIVE AND INTELLIGENT PROGRAM OF ITS OWN. DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEV HANAM WILL WANT TO GET INTO OUR FILES IF WE ARE ACTING UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPONSIBLY AND PROGRAM HAVING POSITIVE RESULTS.

4. PROGRAM IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR AMERICAN YOUTH IN SINGAPORE. ALSO SEVERAL NON- AMERICAN STUDENTS AT SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL WOULD RECEIVE HELP IF REQUESTED.

5. PROGRAM IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE BUT RECOGNIZES THAT SUCH ABUSE

IS FREQUENTLY A SYMPTOM OF OTHER CONCERNS ON PART OF ABUSER, IDUCH AS BOREDOM, FAMILY CONFLICTS, FRUSTRATION, LONELINESS OF AMERICAN TEENAGERS LIVING ABORAD, ETC. THUS, ONE OF PROGRAM' S ACTIVITIES WILL BE EXPANSION OF SUMMER JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN YOUNGSTERS AS WELL AS INITIATION OF OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERING OUTLETS FOR AMERICAN YOUTH ENERGIES AND INTERESTS.

6. POLICY MAKING AND SUPERVISING BODY IS SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SACAC) MADE UP OF TOP REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN BUSINESS, AMERICAN WOMEN' S ASSOCIATION, PTA, SCHOOL BOARD, SCHOOL FACULTY, STUDENTS, AMERICAN CHURCH COUNCIL, AND EMBASSY DCM. SACAC IS HARD- HEADED GROUP THAT WILL SUPERVISE PROGRAM WITH HARD- HEADED ATTITUDE. SINCE LARGE PORTION OF FUNDING IS COMING FROM PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS THERE IS EVERY DESIRE TO SEE THAT MONEY IS WISELY SPENT AND SACAS' S BOOKS WILL BE EXAMINED ANNUALLY BY PROFESSIONAL AUDIT FIRM.

7. EMBASSY POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT ATTENTION EA HARRIET ISOM SEVERAL COPIES OF MEMORANDUM DISTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN FUND- RAISING SESSIONS. BELIEVE THIS WILL SATISFY QUESTION RAISED PARA 7 REFTEL B.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY POSITIVE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE.
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